

60. A scanning optical apparatus according to Claim 59, wherein the at least two lens surfaces of the plurality of lens surfaces have aspherical surfaces in the main scanning direction.

REMARKS

Claims 13-60 are now presented for consideration, with Claims 13, 19, 25, 31, 37, 44, 52 and 59 being independent.

As will be appreciated, Claims 13-43 were allowed prior to the August 24, 1998 filing of a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request Transmittal. Claims 44-60 have been added to provide a scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure.

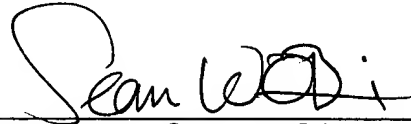
Applicant submits that the newly presented claims are allowable for reasons similar to those supporting allowance of Claims 13-43. Independent consideration of Claims 44-60 is requested.

An early and favorable action on the merits is also respectfully requested.

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